

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROP SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN LILA TAYLOR**, on January 22, 1999 at
9:00 A.M., in Room 402 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Lila Taylor, Chairman (R)
Sen. Mike Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Eve Franklin (D)
Sen. Ken Mesaros (R)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)
Rep. Joe Quilici (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lynn Daily, Committee Secretary
Mary Beth Linder, OBPP
Amy Sassano, OBPP
Jim Turner, Legislative Fiscal Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Executive Action: Commissioner of Political
Practices
Department of Administration
Secretary of State

Motion/Vote: SEN. TAYLOR moved **PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENT OF \$13,950
FOR FY00 AND \$7,950 FOR FY01 AS A ONE TIME EXPENDITURE FOR A
TOTAL OF \$21,900. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion/Vote: SEN. MESAROS moved **TO SET RENTAL RATES AT \$2.12 FOR
FY00 AND AT \$2.12 FOR FY01 (PG A-181). Motion carried
unanimously.**

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Motion/Vote: REP. QUILICI moved INTERNAL SERVICE FUND (Pg A-149) WITH THE STAFF (JIM TURNER) LOOKING AT FEES COMMENSURATE WITH COSTS OVER THE INTERIM. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. TAYLOR moved TO KEEP INTERNAL SERVICE AND ADD REVIEW OF 60 DAY WORKING CAPITAL. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion: SEN. MESAROS moved RECONSIDER ACTION ON RENTAL RATES (PG A-181).

Discussion: Jim Turner they would like to fund rental rates through maintenance cost instead of through the capital land grant funds. CHAIRMAN TAYLOR asks how many years they have done this and why they are changing now. Lois Menzies states that they have done this for 10 years but now they would like to free up that money for the capital renovation.

REP. PECK asks why they see this an advantage to make the switch. Mrs. Menzies says that they charge rental rates to agencies using state property. Major maintenance should be paid through rental rates.

SEN. FRANKLIN asks how much planning time the agencies have had to put this into their budget. Mrs. Menzies says that they are required to set their rates in May because what they do affects other agencies budgets. The agencies have built these rates into their budgets.

Cathy Muri states the capital land grant money doesn't revert to the General Fund. If the money is not used it stays there until it is appropriated next biennium.

REP. PECK states that it bothers him that its obvious that individual members of the committee have been lobbied outside of the committee and these people have not stood up in the committee to present their arguments.

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Jim Turner states that this is a fixed cost put into the agencies budgets. The only budgets it really affects are proprietary funded agencies because they don't get subsidies.

Vote: Motion failed 3-3 with Mesaros, Taylor, and Taylor voting aye.

Motion: REP. QUILICI moved RATES PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE (PG A-47).

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Discussion: **SEN. TAYLOR** looked at the rates and is fairly comfortable with them. Then he asks Angela Fultz about the computer contract they have with NIT.

Mrs. Fultz says that they signed their initial contract in late 1997. They are requiring a fixed rate contract to be complete by August with penalties.

SEN. TAYLOR asks about the service contract. **Mrs. Fultz** says that it is built into the total cost for two years maintenance.

SEN. TAYLOR then asked how the service contract would compare to MTPRRIME. **Mrs. Fultz** says that they can only compare with other bid they received and they were \$250,000 higher.

Vote: Motion **carried unanimously.**

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SEN TAYLOR states that it is important to try to get MTPRRIME to be the best in can be and somehow tie it into the university system.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:37 A.M.

REP. LILA TAYLOR, Chairman

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EXHIBIT (jgh17aad)